

REMARKS

Claims 1-18, 20, and 21 are pending in the application. Claims 13-18 have been amended hereby. Claim 19 has been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of Claims 1-12 and 19-21.

Further, Applicants respectfully submit, contrary to the Examiner's assertion in the Office Action in paragraph 1, that an Abstract was indeed submitted as evidenced in the publication of the present application 2007/0160345.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of Claims 13-18 under 35 U.S.C. §101, as being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Independent Claim 13 has been amended to recite the limitations of allowed Claim 19, which is directed to "A computer readable recording medium which stores a computer program product according to Claim 13," and dependent Claims 14-18 have been amended so that their preambles are consistent with the preamble of Claim 13. Claim 19 has been cancelled.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent Claim 13, and the claims depending therefrom, are directed to statutory subject matter, and meet all requirements of 35 U.S.C. §101.

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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